

Air Resources Board

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Mr. Raymond Fernandez
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San Diego County Air Pollution
Control District
10124 Old Grove Road
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Dear Mr. Fernandez:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) recently concluded an audit of the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District's (APCD or District) Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program) and Lower-Emission School Bus Program (School Bus Program). This was performed as part of our oversight responsibility and authority under state law (Health and Safety Code sections 39002, 39003, 39500, 39600, 39602, 39605(b), 41500, 44287, and 44291). We appreciate the professionalism and cooperation shown by your staff throughout the audit process.

Enclosed is our audit report. We found that the San Diego County APCD's Carl Moyer and School Bus Programs generally meet the requirements of the Health and Safety Code and applicable Guidelines. We commend the San Diego District's application of stringent Carl Moyer Program standards to locally-funded projects not otherwise subject to the Carl Moyer Program requirements, effective outreach to applicants, exceeding environmental justice goals, and excellent response to audit recommendations.

The audit resulted in three findings regarding the San Diego County APCD's implementation of the Carl Moyer Program and one for the School Bus Program. The findings mostly reflect specific deficiencies in documentation and reporting that may be straightforward for the District to correct. We appreciate that the District has already submitted additional information and mitigation strategies for some of the issues identified by ARB.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.

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As a formality, per the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines, the District has a maximum of 30 days from the date of this letter to submit a written plan of action to address the remaining findings in the audit report. If the District does not act, its Carl Moyer Program would be placed on probation and additional oversight from ARB would be required.

Our audit report and your written responses are public and will be posted on ARB's website. We encourage you to make this information public within the San Diego County APCD as well. If you have any questions about the audit, please contact me, at (916) 445-4383 or contact Ms. Heather Arias, Manager, at (916) 324-6429 or email harias@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

James N. Goldstene

Executive Officer

Enclosure

cc: See next page.